vacancies in the schools of Delhi and New Delhi including Union Academy Senior Secondary School, Gole Market, New Delhi are made from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Delhi School Education Rules, 1973.

Free Education to Girl Child

995. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report titled "PM's pet scheme caught in red tape", which appeared in the Statesman dated 16th February, 2000;

(b) whether the scheme of free education for the girl child announced by the PM almost two years back remains not only unimplemented but is yet to be finalised;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof; and

(d) whether the present status enhances Government's claim of able and efficient governance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The proposed National Programme for Women's Education has been under consideration for some time. All the necessary approvals.have now been obtained and the scheme is being processed for Cabinet clearance.

Fee Hike for Delhi University and Colleges

996. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:
SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to raise Delhi University and college fee; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Para 11.2 of National Policy on Education, 1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992 envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a university is decided as per the provisions in its Ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University and colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. The Government of India has no direct role in this regard, however it can facilitate the process. The facilitation role is enjoined by the National Policy.

Denial of payment of adhoe bonus to employees of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

997. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Kendriya' Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas have, in 1999 been "denied" payment of adhoc bonus; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The orders for payment of adhoc bonus to eligible employees during 1999 have already been issued by both Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

Bonus entitlement of employees to Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

†998. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the teaching and non-teaching employees of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Central Schools, who were getting the pay scale of Rs. 1640—2900 before implementation of Fifth Central Pay Commission's recommendations and are now getting pay scale of Rs. 5500—9000, are not entitled to adhoc bonus;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.